

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) In a two piece metal raceway assembly of the type having an elongated base formed into a C-shaped cross section defining an open side with parallel side walls having in turned flanges that are angled with respect to the generally parallel sidewalls of the C-shaped base, and elongated cover segments having longitudinally extending rearwardly projecting flanges for assembly with the base flanges so that the cover segments are of substantially the same width as the base, the improvement comprising a metal device bracket for placement between spaced raceway cover segments to provide support for at least one electrical device, said device bracket being formed from a flat steel blank having at least one opening for receiving said electrical device, said device bracket including rearwardly bent end portions for abutting the spaced raceway cover segments without being supported by the cover segments, said rearwardly bent end portions further including angled outer ends of J-shape to be received between the in turned flanges of the raceway base, whereby the device bracket can be assembled with the raceway base as a result of deforming the base sidewalls so as to receive said J-shaped end portions, and said device bracket having a generally flat portion intermediate said rearwardly bent flanges and lying in the same plane as plane defined by the adjacent spaced raceway cover segments.

2. (cancelled)

3. (Original) The combination according to claim 1 wherein said at least one opening is formed at least in part by a bar defined by said device bracket and oriented generally perpendicular said rearwardly bent flanges of said device bracket.

4. (Original) The combination according to claim 3 wherein said device bracket further defines a second opening defined in part by said bar, and wherein said bar is provided midway between said in turned flanges or said raceway base so as to be aligned with a divider conventionally supported in said raceway base for defining separated wireways.

5. (previously presented) In a two piece metal raceway assembly of the type having an elongated base formed into a C-shaped cross section defining an open side with parallel side walls having inturned flanges that are angled with respect to the generally parallel side walls of the C-shaped base, and elongated cover segments having longitudinally extending rearwardly projecting flanges for assembly with the base flanges so that the cover segments are of substantially the same width as the base, the improvement comprising a metal device bracket for placement between spaced raceway cover segments to provide support for at least one electrical device, said device bracket being formed from a flat steel blank having at least one opening for receiving said electrical device, said device bracket including rearwardly bent end portions for abutting the spaced raceway cover segments, said rearwardly bent end portions further including angled outer ends of J-shape to be received between the inturned flanges of the raceway base, whereby the device bracket can be assembled with the raceway base as a result of deforming the base side walls so as to receive said J-shaped end portions, said at least one opening being formed at least in part by a divider bar defined by the device bracket and oriented generally perpendicular to said rearwardly bent end portions, said device bracket further defining a second opening defined in part by said bar, said bar being provided midway between said inturned flanges of said raceway base so as to be aligned with a divider conventionally supported in said raceway base for defining separated wireways, and a cover plate having rearwardly projecting flanges receivable between said inturned flanges of said raceway base without interference with said device bracket, said divider bar having a width to be aligned with said divider in said raceway base so as to occupy a substantial portion of the space between the underside of said cover plate and a forward edge of said raceway base divider.

6. (previously presented) In a two piece metal raceway assembly of the type having an elongated base formed into a C-shaped cross section defining an open side with parallel side walls having inturned flanges that are angled with respect to the generally parallel side walls of the C-shaped base, and elongated cover segments having longitudinally extending rearwardly projecting flanges for assembly with the base flanges so that the cover segments are of substantially the same width as the base, the improvement comprising a metal device bracket for placement between spaced raceway cover segments to provide for at least one electrical device, said device bracket being formed from a flat steel blank having at least one opening for receiving said electrical device, said device bracket including rearwardly bent end portions for abutting the spaced raceway cover segments, said rearwardly bent end portions further including angled outer ends of J-shape to be received between the inturned flanges of the raceway base, whereby the device bracket can be assembled with the raceway base as a result of deforming the base side walls so as to receive said J-shaped end portions, said device bracket having inwardly spaced top and bottom edges to define slots between the device bracket and the raceway base inturned flanges, and a cover plate having inwardly formed flanges received in said slots, said flanges formed for resiliently deforming said raceway base sidewalls to secure said cover plate between said inturned flanges of said raceway base.